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by Mayor John D. Link

Christmas in Edgewood was very festive. The season began with the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Claus, who helped the children light the tree at Presidents Park. The event also featured the annual chili cook-off, this year's winner was Diane Lee, Councilman Bill Grady placed second, and Chief Kramer claimed third place. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to everyone who entered the contest and shared their favorite recipes with us. Plans are underway for next year's tree lighting to be held at the new Edgewood Senior Center at Freedom Park.

All the letters he received in his mailbox at the city building delighted Santa; he and his elves worked very hard replying to all the children. This year's Home Decorating Contest was a huge success. Thanks to everyone who decorated their home. The hard work paid off. The city looked beautiful!

The Freedom Park parking lot has been flooded by all the rainy weather we've had and as soon as it freezes, it will be ready for skating. The city skating party is scheduled for January 25, and we are looking forward to a fun day.

A few months ago our Fire Department applied for a grant to purchase fitness equipment, receive training and to implement safety programs. I'm pleased to announce that the Department of Homeland Security recently awarded \$65,633 to the city as part of the 2003 Assistance to Firefighters Grant program. Special thanks to Senators Jim Bunning, Mitch McConnell and Representative Ken Lucas for their support.

Please find enclosed a flyer with all the upcoming activities through June 2004. We are very excited to be hosting two new events. The Mayor's First Annual Golf Outing on May 21 and The Edgewood Garden Club "At the garden's edge" Home Garden Contest and Tour. As always we appreciate your input and feedback on ideas that help us to continue to be the great community that we are.

I look forward to meeting with all of you at one or more of the upcoming events.

Happy New Year!

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RECREATION RAP

by Recreation Director
Kim Wolking

2004 UPCOMING EVENTS

The Recreation Committee has set dates for most of the 2004 events and programs. Please save the enclosed flyer for easy reference through June. Another flyer will go out for July through December. Other activities, programs, clinics, etc., may be added at a later date and some dates may be changed during the year. Detailed information about all activities and programs will be in future newsletters, on the city sign and in most newspapers. Information pertaining to children's activities will be sent to the local schools.

If you have any suggestions, an interest in a specific program or can give of your time or expertise, your input is needed and welcome. Anyone interested can call Kim Wolking at 331-5910.

AEROBICS

Aerobic classes will be offered on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. The classes will begin on January 5th and run through March 29th. All classes will be held at the Fire Department. You should bring an exercise mat or towel. There is a \$1 fee per class.

EDGEWOOD NIGHT WITH THE MIGHTY DUCKS

Edgewood Night with the Mighty Ducks is scheduled for Saturday, January 24th at 7:35 p.m. at The Cincinnati Gardens. The Ducks are playing the Hamilton Bulldogs. The first 2500 kids ages 12 and under will receive a free t-shirt. Please see the enclosed order form.

ICE SKATING

An ice skating party will be held at Freedom Park on Sunday, January 25th at 3:00 p.m., weather permitting. If the skating rink is not frozen, the party will be rescheduled for Sunday, February 8th. Refreshments will be provided. Bring your own skates! Please see the enclosed flyer.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Activities for children ages 4-7 will be offered on Saturday, January 10th, Saturday, February 7th and Saturday, March 6th. Each date will have a different theme and will include a snack, a craft and an activity. All programs will begin at 2:00 p.m. and will be held at the firehouse. A parent must accompany each child. The cost is \$3.00 per date. Space is limited so please sign-up early. All children must be pre-registered. See the enclosed registration form.

BALL FIELD RESERVATIONS

Anyone interested in reserving a ball field for the spring of 2004 should submit a written request to Kim Wolking at 385 Dudley Road, by February 13th. The request should include coach's complete address, including work and home phone numbers, day of week needed, time of day, anticipated number of weeks needed, starting date, league and age of players, complete rosters, field needed, if you will be playing games or practices and any other information that may be helpful. All city softball leagues and special events will have field priority.

YOUTH SOCIAL

There will be two youth socials for 5th and 6th graders, on Sunday, January 18th and Sunday, February 15th,

at the firehouse, from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Admission is \$3.00 per person. There will be a D.J., games and door prizes. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

MOTORIZED SCOOTERS & MOPEDS

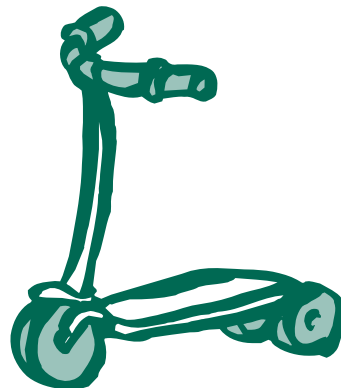
by Sergeant Rob Bayer

A certain type of child's toy is quickly gaining popularity in our community and is raising safety concerns for our citizens and your police department. Nearly every day we see a child riding down the sidewalk, and sometimes on the street, on a motorized scooter. These scooters are designed and marketed primarily for children, and it is assumed by many that children may legally operate these "toys" on the sidewalks and streets of Edgewood.

I hope to educate our residents about the laws that govern the operation of these scooters. Since these scooters are a relatively recent phenomenon, legislation specifically written to pertain to them has not yet been enacted. However, motorized scooters do meet the definition of a moped in the Kentucky Revised Statute [KRS 186.005 (5)]. A moped is defined as having no greater than a 50cc cylinder capacity motor (gas or battery powered) and is not capable of attaining speeds exceeding 30 miles per hour under its own power. A moped may have pedals like a traditional moped or may not have pedals like a motorized scooter. To legally operate a moped or scooter on the roadways in Kentucky, the operator must be at least 16 years old and possess a valid operator's license. This is the same driver's license that is required to operate a motor vehicle.

The operation of any motor vehicle on the sidewalks in Edgewood is prohibited by Edgewood City Ordinance [71.04(A)]. This ordinance states that it shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to drive within any sidewalk space except at a permanent or temporary driveway or by special permit from the Chief of Police. Special permits are generally intended for motorized wheel chairs and similar medical devices.

Essentially, what this all means is that the operation of mopeds and scooters are permitted on the roadway by licensed drivers only and never permitted to be operated on the sidewalks in Edgewood by anyone at any time.



Scooters and mopeds may be operated on private property including driveways with the property owner's permission. Unless your elected officials enact a new ordinance or revise the existing ordinances to address the safe operation of motorized scooters, the current laws apply.

The intent of these laws, ordinances and, yes, even law enforcement is never to spoil anyone's fun, but to ensure the safest streets for motorists, the safest sidewalks for pedestrians, and, as always, we are looking out for the safety of your children. Your Police Department wishes you a safe and prosperous New Year.

VROOM, VROOM, VROOM:

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CHRISTMAS TREE MULCHING

Christmas trees may be dropped off in the first parking lots in both Presidents Park and Freedom Park up until January 27th. All trees dropped off will be recycled and used as mulch. The access road into Presidents Park is open during the daylight hours only; the access road into Freedom Park is always open.

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